

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Claims 1-6 are amended by the present amendment. As amended Claims 1-6 are supported by the original claims, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, the specification was objected to; Claims 1-3 and 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by Raivio et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,879,566, hereinafter Raivio); Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Raivio in view of Willars et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0053145, hereinafter Willars).

With regard to the objections to the abstract and specification, the abstract and specification are amended herewith to correct informalities. Accordingly, the objections to the abstract and specification are believed to be overcome.

With regard to the rejection of Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by Raivio, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 1 recites in part, “forming a request message for establishing the link by concatenating a message of the control protocol of the radio link and a plurality of messages of the transport protocol on the link.”

The outstanding Office Action at page 4, lines 7-12 cites column 3, lines 18-53 of Raivio as describing this element. However, the cited portion of Raivio merely describes that three steps must be carried out to create a link, but does not describe the concatenation of *any* messages, much less “concatenating a message of the control protocol of the radio link and a plurality of messages of the transport protocol on the link,” as recited in amended Claim 1. In fact, Figures 5 to 8 of Raivio illustrate sending *separate* messages to create a

communication link, such as the Bearer_Request message and the Setup message shown in Figure 5. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Raivio does not teach or suggest "forming a request message" as recited in amended Claim 1. Consequently, as Raivio does not teach each and every element of amended Claim 1, Claim 1 (and Claims 2-6 dependent therefrom) is not anticipated by Raivio and is patentable thereover.

With regard to the rejection of Claim 4 as unpatentable over Raivio in view of Willars, it is noted that Claim 4 is dependent from Claim 1, and thus is believed to be patentable for at least the reasons discussed above. Further, it is respectfully submitted that Willars does not cure any of the above-noted deficiencies of Raivio. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 4 is patentable over Raivio in view of Willars.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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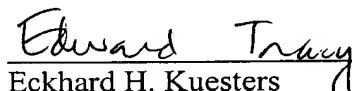
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